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NICARAGUAN EXILE DIFFERS WITH U.S.

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A Nicaraguan exile working to forge an umbrella organization of opposition groups said yesterday that the main civilian group did not want the organization to serve as a conduit for United States aid to anti-Sandinista guerrillas.

Reagan Administration officials were reported last week to be considering whether to encourage the rebels to form an umbrella organization that could openly receive military aid from the United States.

The United States gave almost \$80 million in covert aid to the guerrillas from 1981 until last year, when Congress cut off further aid. Congress is to vote later this year on a \$14 million appropriation to the guerrillas.

The Nicaraguan exile said he had taken part in four recent meetings in Central America and in Miami between leaders of guerrilla groups and leaders of political groups advocating peaceful change. He said the leader of the largest civilian group, Arturo José Cruz, had taken part in the meetings, with the goal of forming a loose coalition for formulate political strategy.

Don't Want to Channel Money

"We do not want to serve as a political face for the armed opposition," the exile said. "We do not want to have anything to do with money from Congress."

The exile said the most recent round of meetings, held in Miami last weekend, included Mr. Cruz, Adolfo Calero, head of the most powerful guerrilla group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, and Edén Pastora Gómez, head of a rival group, the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance.

Mr. Cruz was nominated by a three-party alliance to run for the presidency in Nicaragua's elections last November, but he later refused to register, saying that the elections were unfair.

Mr. Calero directs 10,000 to 15,000 guerrillas operating from bases in Honduras into northern Nicaragua. Mr. Pastora directs fewer than 5,000 guerrillas on a southern front in Nicaragua's border area with Costa Rica.

According to the Nicaraguan exile, the three opposition leaders were unable to overcome their personal and political differences to reach a power-sharing formula for an umbrella organization. He said meetings would resume later this month.